

directed to different species are also allowable. Since claim 1 has not been rejected, applicants submit that such claim appears to be allowable and therewith all other claims, such that withdrawal of the election of species is considered to be appropriate herein.

In order to provide a complete response to the election requirement, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the species identified as I (the embodiment wherein the resistance member is the fuel rod holding portion of the lower tie plate) with at least claims 1-15 being readable thereon and provisionally elect, with traverse, the species B (the embodiment as illustrated in Figs. 7A, 7B) with claims 1-9 being readable thereon.

Since a generic claim is present with other claims in this application, applicants submit that the election of species requirement should be withdrawn and favorable action is requested with respect to all claims in this application.

With regard to the acknowledgement of the claim for priority and the indication that the certified copy has not been received, applicants note that this application is a continuation application of many previously filed applications, wherein the original application was based on PCT/JP87/00676, filed September 14, 1987, and claiming priority for the Japanese Application No. 217165/86, filed in Japan on September 17, 1986. Applicants assume that the certified copy of the Japanese priority document was transmitted by way of the PCT Office, and should be present in

the PCT application. Thus, applicants submit that the priority document has been received in the original application and further submissions herein are unnecessary.

With respect to the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, submitted herewith are proposed drawing corrections which are considered to be responsive to the points raised by the Draftsperson. Upon approval of such drawing corrections, formal drawings incorporating the same will be submitted in accordance with the procedures provided therefor.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (501.25507CX5) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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